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SUBJECT: KMT PAPER WARNS THAILAND ABOUT RECOGNITION

1. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL CHUNG YAN JIH PAO (CYGP), FRIDAY MAY 30, CRITICIZED THE THAI GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PLAN TO "RE-ESTABLISH" DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION THIS FALL. NOTING THE VISIT OF ATHAI DELEGATION TO THE PRC AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT THAILAND PLANS TO RECOGNIZE THE PRC, THE EDITORIAL WARNS THAT PURSUIT OF THAILAND'S NINETEENTH CENTURY BALANCE OF POWER CONCEPT WILL NOT WORK WHEN DEALING WITH THE US, THE USSR AND THE PRC.

2. THE EDITORIAL NOTES THAT DESPITE THAILAND'S REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "ASIAN SECURITY SYSTEM" THE SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE SOUTHWARD. AFTER POINTING OUT THAT PRC FOREIGN POLICY IS TO "EXPORT REVOLUTION", THE EDITORIAL ASKS HOW THAILAND CAN

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HOPE TO KEEP THE PRC AT ARM'S LENGTH AFTER RECOGNITION.

3. IN A REFERENCE WHICH SOUNDS ALMOST LIKE A CALL FOR A MILITARY COUP, THE CYJP OBSERVES THAT THE THAI MILITARY IS FAMILIAR WITH THE DANGERS OF "MAOIST PLOTS" AND DOES NOT APPROVE OF THE POLITICIAN'S PLANS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT THE CYJP HOPED TO INFLUENCE THE THAI GOVERNMENT OR ANY POLITICAL FACTION BY THIS EDITORIAL. RATHER, THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTS TO US THAT THE GROC IS NOW BEGINNING TO PREPARE ITS PEOPLE FOR THE LOSS OF RECOGNITION BY YET ANOTHER NEAR NEIGHBOR. POPPLE

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